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SUBJ: MRS MEIR'S NEW ILLNESS

1. PRESS REPORTS FEB 11 THAT PRIME MINISTER LAST WEEK WENT TO HOSPITAL FOR EXAMINATION OF INFLAMMATION OF UPPER EYELIDS, AND OBTAINED RELIEF, BUT THAT HER CONDITION WAS FOUND WORSE UPON AWAKENING FEB 10, WITH PHYSICIANS ORDERING COMPLETE REST "FOR A FEW DAYS." ALLON CHAIRED FEB 10 CABINET MEETING.

2. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION WE HAVE SO FAR BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN ABOUT MRS MEIR'S CONDITION, PRESS DESCRIPTION GIVEN ABOVE IS ACCURATE. WE ARE TOLD SHE IS STILL IN BED TODAY. ONE DOCTOR IS QUOTED IN PRESS AS SPECULATING THAT EYE DIFFICULTY MAY BE SYMPTOM OF MORE GENERAL COLD WHICH COULD TAKE HER SOME TIME TO SHAKE--BUT NOT IMPLYING A WORSE ILLNESS.

3. POLITICAL COMMENTATORS DESCRIBE TIMING OF ILLNESS AS BAD FOR
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COALITION NEGOTIATIONS. THIS WAS TO HAVE BEEN CRUCIAL WEEK,

WITH MRS MEIR,WHO HAS STAYED IN BACKGROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS
UNTIL NOW, TRYING HER OWN HAND.
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